

# Nuclear Stewardship in the 21st Century

As we close our celebration of the Laboratory's 60th anniversary, the times are changing. A new global environment challenges our presumptions regarding nuclear deterrence, nonproliferation, and national security. For the last 10 years, this Laboratory has been committed to developing the scientific base and technical tools to certify the U.S. nuclear stockpile without nuclear testing. The articles in this section document our significant progress toward that goal. Whether the route we are following will give the nation the deterrent it needs and enhance the nuclear nonproliferation regime is an issue under debate. We hope that the efforts of scientists and engineers at Los Alamos will help the nation to a prudent conclusion on this issue.

